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ROUND II

THE PHOENIX FORCE WAS FRAGMENTED, ITS POWER INHABITING FIVE PROMINENT X-MEN: CYCLOPS, EMMA FROST, COLOSSUS, MAGIK AND NAMOR. TOGETHER THEY USED THE PHOENIX TO HELP BRING PEACE TO HUMAN AND MUTANTKIND. BUT THE ALL-CONSUMING NATURE OF THE PHOENIX FORCE STARTED TO CORRUPT THEM.

THE AVENGERS TURNED TO HOPE SUMMERS, THE INTENDED HOST FOR THE PHOENIX FORCE. IN THE SAFE HAVEN OF K'UN LUN THE AVENGERS TRAINED HOPE IN THE BELIEF THAT SHE WAS THE KEY TO BRINGING AN END TO THE PHOENIX FORCE.

THE AVENGERS STOPPED THREE OF THE PHOENIX FIVE, BUT DEFEAT ONLY TRANSFERRED THEIR POWER TO CYCLOPS AND EMMA. CYCLOPS RIPPED APART DIMENSIONS TO FIND K'UN LUN AND TAKE HOPE FROM THE AVENGERS, BUT HOPE USED HER NEWLY REALIZED POWER TO PUNCH CYCLOPS TO THE MOON.

MAGNETO, WITNESSING THE PHOENIX FORCE'S DANGEROUS EFFECT ON THE X-MEN, REACHED OUT TO HIS FORMER NEMESIS AND POSSIBLY THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION: PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER.



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THE PHOENIX FIVE



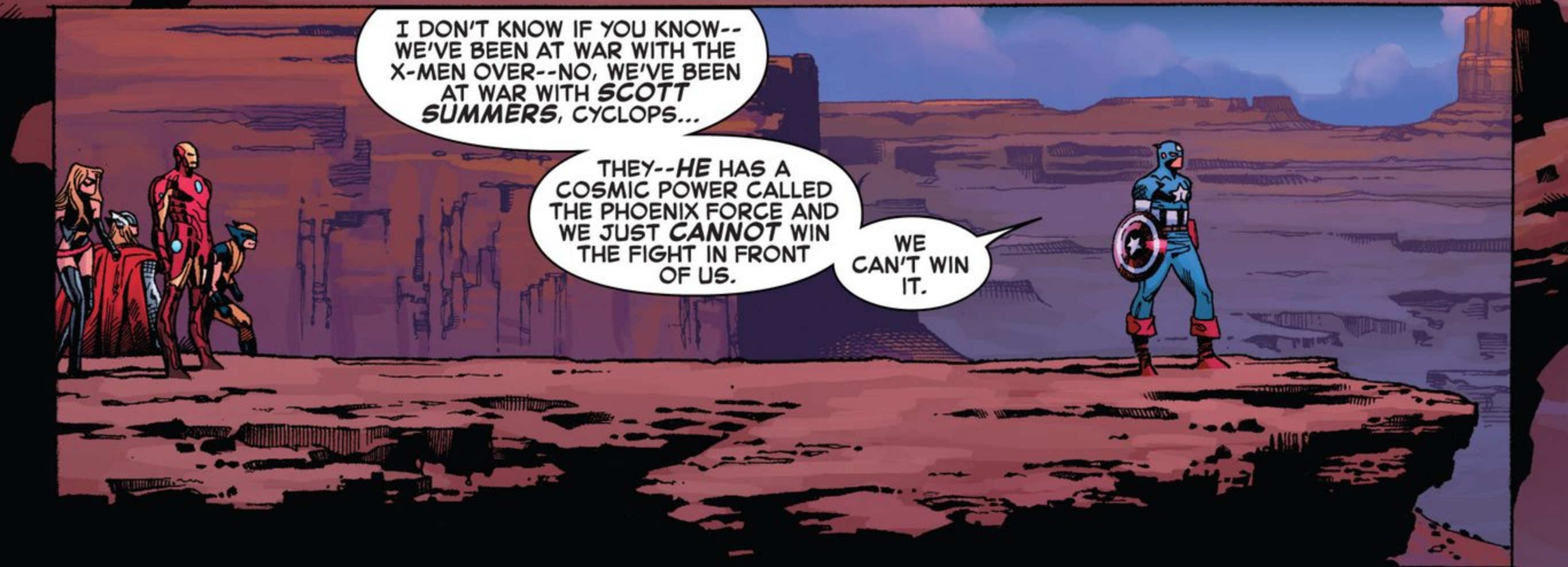
X-MEN



I'M SORRY TO
COME TO YOU
LIKE THIS.

YOU KNOW I
RESPECT YOU AND
YOUR SPACE AND I
WOULD NEVER COME
TO YOU UNLESS I
WAS AT THE END
OF MY ROPE.

AND I **AM**
AT THE END OF
MY ROPE.



I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW--
WE'VE BEEN AT WAR WITH THE
X-MEN OVER--NO, WE'VE BEEN
AT WAR WITH **SCOTT
SUMMERS**, CYCLOPS...

THEY--**HE** HAS A
COSMIC POWER CALLED
THE PHOENIX FORCE AND
WE JUST **CANNOT** WIN
THE FIGHT IN FRONT
OF US.

WE
CAN'T WIN
IT.



EVERYTHING KEEPS
ESCALATING--I'M
WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S
GOING TO HAPPEN
NEXT.

I'M WORRIED THAT THE
POWER THEY ARE HOLDING
IS MORE THAN THEY
CAN HANDLE.

IN FACT, I
KNOW IT IS.
WE **ALL** DO.

EVERYONE
SEEMS TO KNOW
IT BUT **SCOTT
SUMMERS**.

WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
THEY AREN'T ABLE
TO HANDLE IT
ANY LONGER?



SO I NEED
MORE THAN
I HAVE.

I NEED MORE
FIREPOWER.

SO I'M COMING
TO EVERYONE. I'M
COMING TO
YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL
ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING
ON WITH THE X-MEN, BUT I WAS
HOPING THAT WITH **OUR
HISTORY** TOGETHER--

I WAS
HOPING YOU
WOULD JOIN
US.



I KNOW YOU--I
KNOW YOU ONLY
FIGHT A FIGHT
WORTH
FIGHTING.

AND I'M
TELLING YOU
THIS IS ONE
OF THOSE
FIGHTS.

IF WE LOSE
THIS WE LOSE
EVERYTHING.

WILL
YOU HELP
US?

PLEASE.

YES.

HULK WILL
SMASH FOR
YOU.



WISCONSIN.

HELLO.

YOU KNOW
ME AS ROGUE
OF THE X-MEN.

AH COME
HERE FOR
ASYLUM.

IT WAS A
HUGE MISTAKE
FOLLOWING
CYCLOPS AND
THE OTHERS.

HE'S NEVER
LED US WRONG
BEFORE, THERE'S
LOYALTY, Y'SEE...

Y'ALL WERE
RIGHT.

COMPLETELY,
TERRIBLY RIGHT.

MADISON
JEFFRIES TRACKED
Y'ALL HERE.

HE WAS ABLE
TO FOLLOW THE--
HE SAID THE STARK
TECH SIGNATURE
PATTERN OR SOME
SUCH THING.

BUT IT
BROUGHT ME
TO YA. I'M HERE
TO HELP, IN
ANY WAY Y'ALL
WANT.

BUT PLEASE--
PLEASE, WE
GOTTA RIGHT
THIS WRONG.

ANY WAY.

I CAN
PROMISE YOU,
ROGUE.

NO ONE HERE
IS GOING TO TRY
TO SUBDUE OR
HURT YOU.

YOUR THOUGHTS
CANNOT LIE, SO I
KNOW YOUR WORDS
ARE TRUE.

PROFESSOR
XAVIER!

YOU'RE
HERE!

TELL THE
OTHERS.

THEY
HAVE MY
WORD.

THIS
IS SAFE
HARBOR.

OTHERS?



XAVIER, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

I CAN READ THEIR THOUGHTS, STARK, EACH AND EVERY ONE.

AND THEY HAVE WHAT WE NEED.

PASSION.

NUMBERS.

PROFESSOR, LOOK IN MY MIND. I WANT YOU TO SEE WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND FEEL WHAT I FEEL.

I HAVE, ICEMAN.

I KNOW SCOTT IS LIKE A SON TO YOU AND HE WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME.

I LOVE HIM.

AND I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE ALL OF YOU.

I KNOW YOU DO.

AND I'M TELLING YOU... IT'S TIME.

I KNOW.

UTOPIA.
FLOATING HOME OF THE X-MEN.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING, SCOTT
SUMMERS.

STOP POKING
AROUND IN MY
HEAD, EMMA.

IT
ANNOYS
ME.

I'M
NOT.

BUT I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING: THERE
WERE FIVE OF
US. FIVE
PHOENIXES.

AND EACH
OF US SHARED
THE PHOENIX
FORCE.

AND NOW
THERE ARE
TWO.

EVERY ONE OF
US THAT FALLS,
THE OTHERS GAIN
POWER.

NOW IT'S JUST
US. IT'S JUST YOU
AND ME SPLITTING
THE PHOENIX.

AND YOU'RE
THINKING: IF I
COULD ONLY GET
THE REST OF THE
PHOENIX FORCE
FROM EMMA,
THEN I'D BE THE
PHOENIX.

NO.

BUT,
CLEARLY, THAT'S
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING.

NO, DARLING, TO
BE HONEST, REALLY
HONEST...

I'M THINKING
THAT IT WOULD BE
SO MUCH EASIER
TO BURN THIS WORLD
DOWN AND START
FROM SCRATCH.

AND EVERY
TIME I CLOSE
MY EYES...I
SEE IT.

I SEE IT SO
CLEARLY.

AND I
JUST FEEL
SO...

I SEE IT
TOO.

WE CAN DO IT, YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE THE POWER TO REMAKE THE WORLD THE WAY IT WAS ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO BE.

WE HAVE THE POWER.

IF NOT US, WHO?

THIS IS HOW THINGS LIKE THIS ARE DONE.

HE WHO HOLDS THE POWER...

STOP IT.

IF IT WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA OR WOLVERINE OR XAVIER WHO HELD THIS POWER...WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY CEASED TO EXIST.

THEY WOULD HAVE--

STOP!

THEY WOULD HAVE BURNED US TO THE--

EMMA,
STOP!

TELL
ME I'M
WRONG.

GET
AWAY FROM
ME.

YOU WANT
TO KILL ME
AND BURN
ME.

AND ALL
I'VE EVER
DONE...IS
LOVE YOU.

WHAT
IS WRONG
WITH YOU,
EMMA?

I--I DON'T
KNOW.

WAIT!

DO YOU FEEL
THAT?

WHAT?

STAY
HERE.

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S OVER, SCOTT.

I WARNED YOU IF YOU CONTINUED DOWN THIS PATH I WAS GOING TO STOP YOU.

YOU NEED HELP AND I WILL HELP YOU.



I WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN.



HOW DARE YOU, CHARLES!

I'M NOT HERE TO ARGUE AND I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT. I'M HERE TO HELP.

ADMIT YOU NEED IT AND THIS WILL ALL GO IN A--

THE EGO ON YOU.

I FINALLY PUT THE WORLD THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.

I DID IT. ME. AND IT KILLS YOU.

YOU SIT AS JUDGE AND JURY OF THE HUMAN RACE EVEN THOUGH I SPECIFICALLY TAUGHT YOU PATIENCE AND--

NO! YOU SAT IN THAT CHAIR OF YOURS FOR YEARS AND DID NOTHING!

AND INSTEAD OF PRAISING ME FOR MY BOLD VISION, INSTEAD OF THANKING ME FOR SAVING OUR PEOPLE...

YOU COME HERE AND THREATEN ME?

SHAME ON YOU.

I TOLD YOU...I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU.

I'M SHUTTING YOU DOWN.

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME DO THIS?

YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE MY HAND AGAINST YOU?!

I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO DO--

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU RUIN WHAT I'VE CREATED.

I'M ASHAMED OF YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER.

I DO, SCOTT.

WHAT ARE YOU--? NO!

YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT WE'RE INSIDE YOUR MIND.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE FINAL BATTLE IS ALREADY BEING WON.

SCOTT, I LOVE YOU, AND I PROMISE, I WILL GET YOU HELP.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!







SCOTT!

EMMA...

SOMETHING
I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO SAY
TO YOU...

KRAKKA

BOOM



HOW COULD
YOU DO
THIS TO US,
XAVIER?!



YOU'VE
BETRAYED YOUR
PEOPLE!

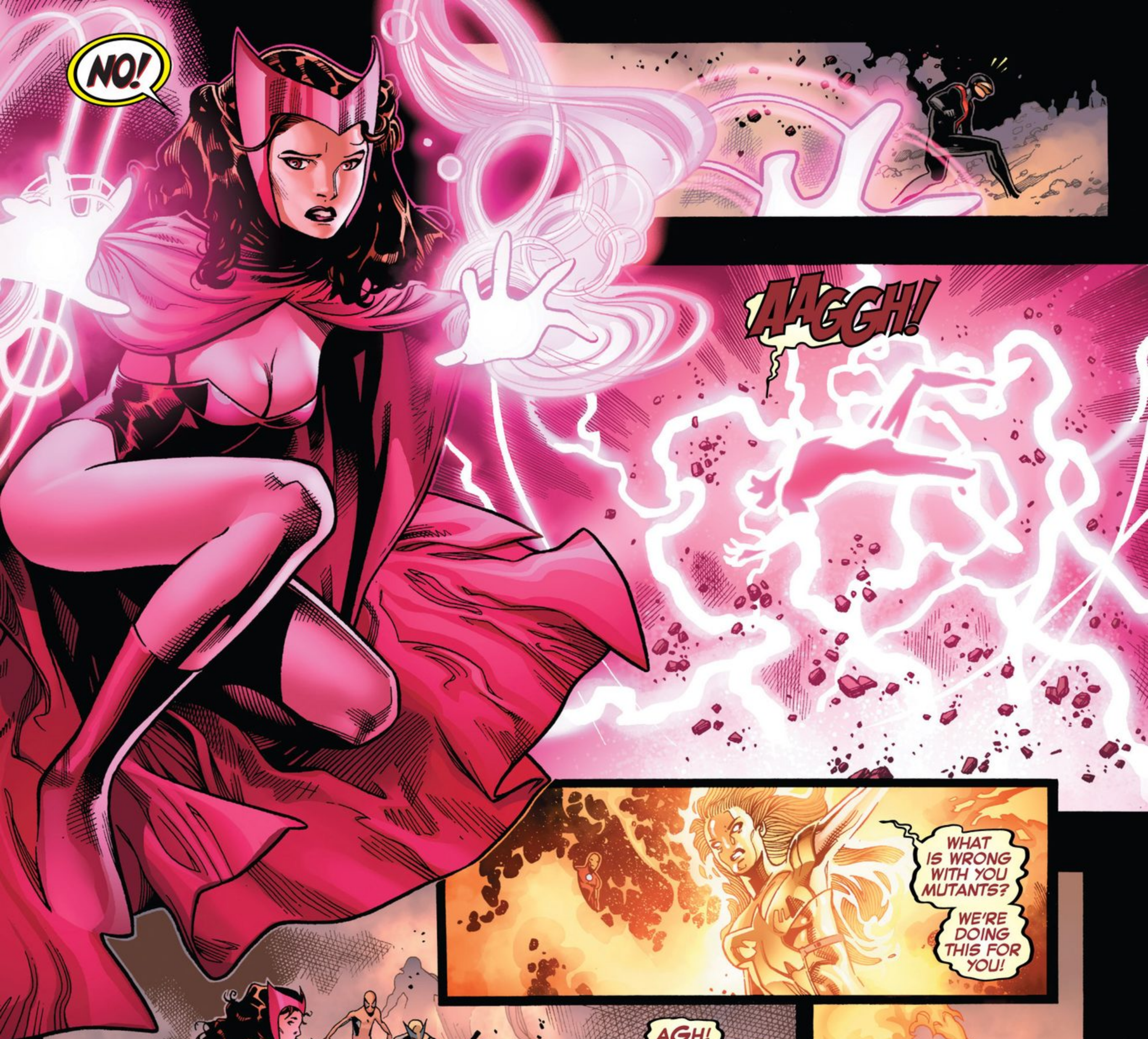
YOU'VE
BETRAYED ALL
OF US!



AAGH!



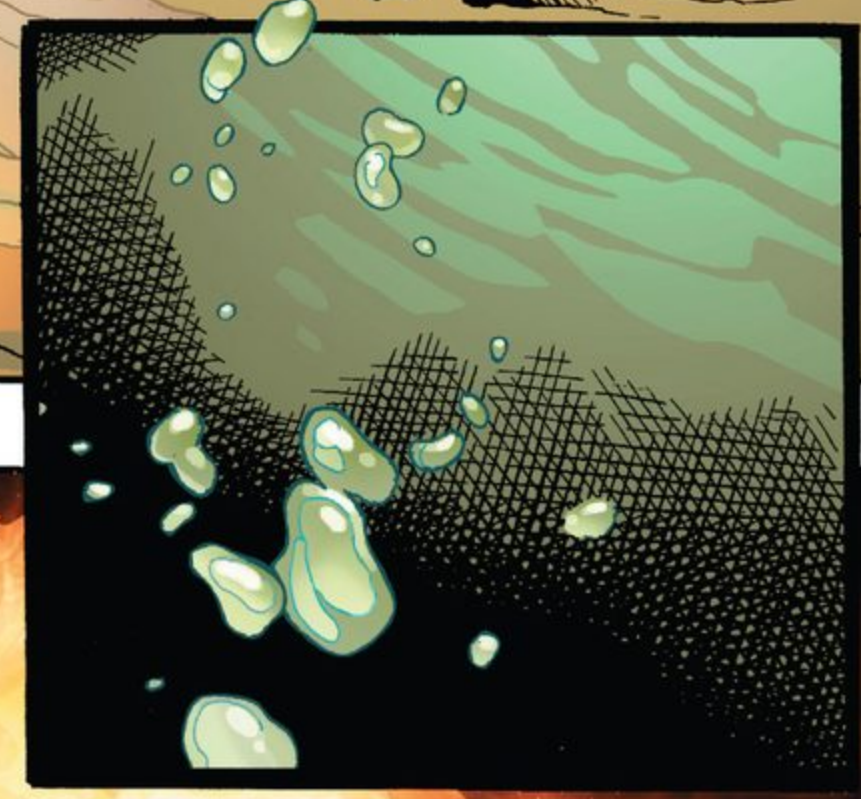
YOU'RE
FORCING
ME TO DO
SOMETHING I
DON'T WANT
TO DO,
CHARLES!





CHOOM!

STAY DOWN,
SCOTT!
I
MEAN
IT!



IF YOU
COULD HAVE
STOPPED ME,
YOU WOULD
HAVE!



DEAR
LORD.



LAST
CHANCE,
CHARLES.

MAGNETO?

YOU DON'T
WANT TO TAKE
IT THIS FAR,
SCOTT.

I BROUGHT
XAVIER HERE!

YOU.

LISTEN
TO ME,
SCOTT--

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

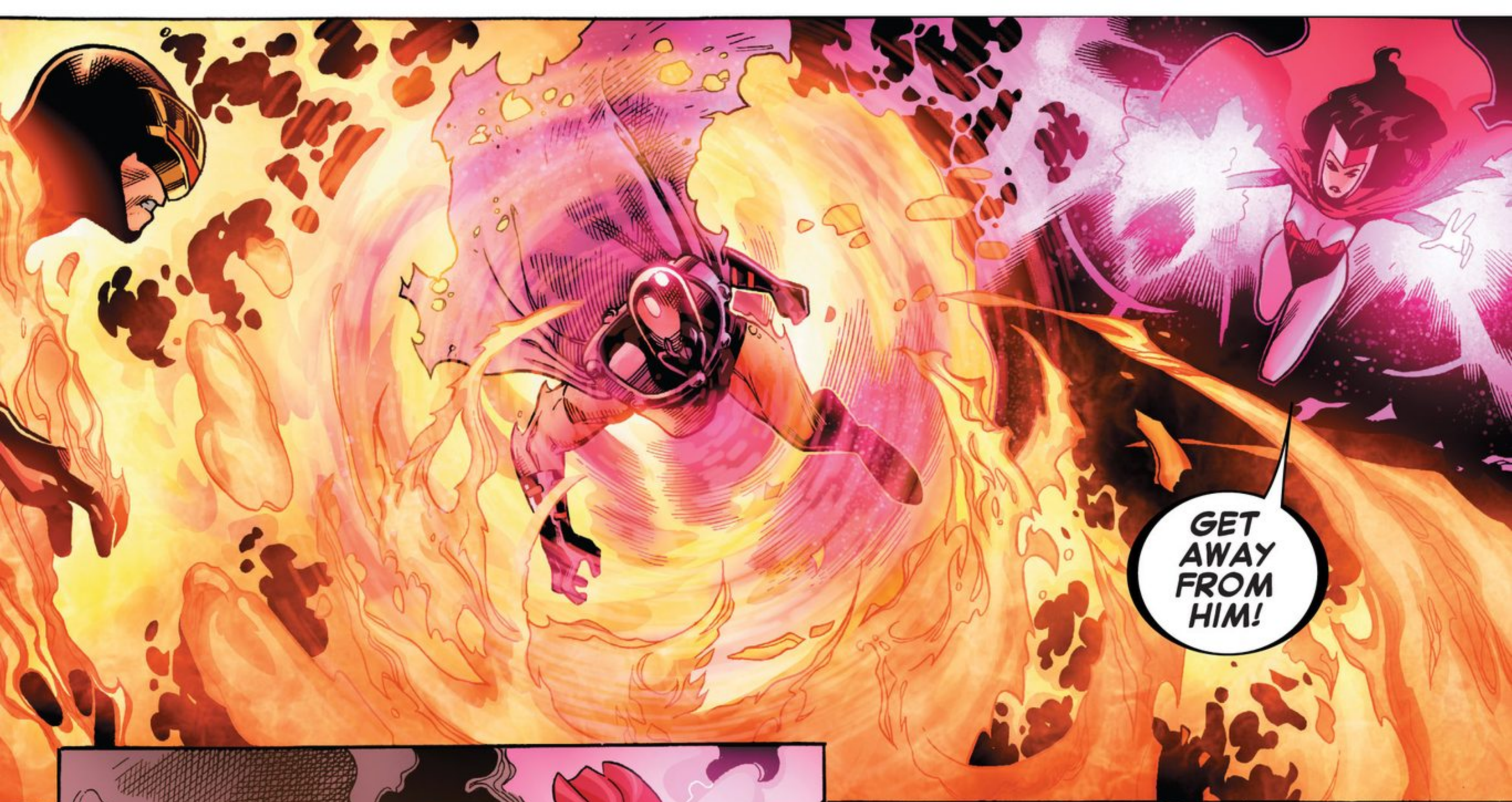
THEY'RE
HERE TO
KILL US!

SCOTT,
LISTEN...

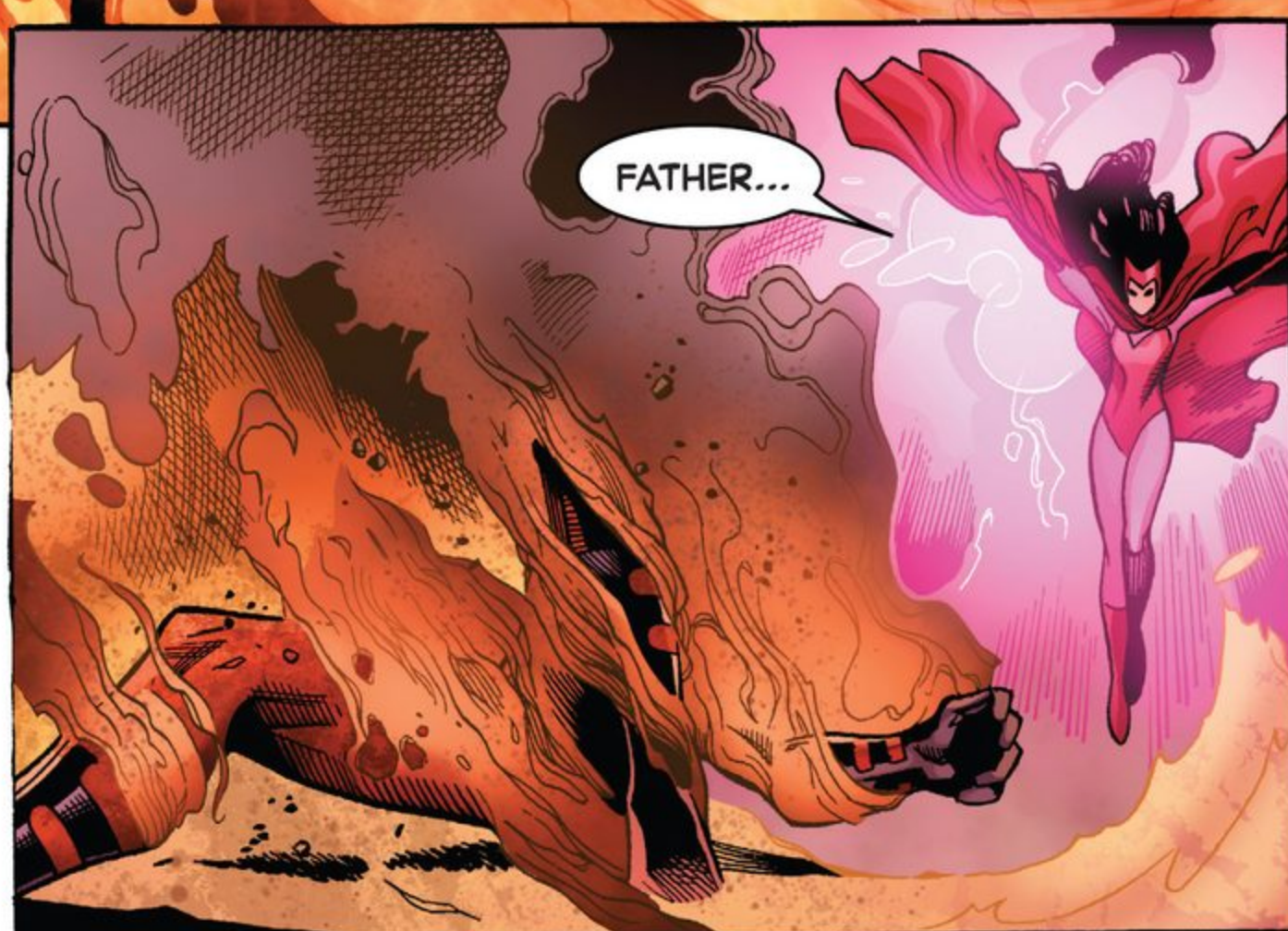
YOU
OF ALL
PEOPLE.

WHAT
GOOD ARE
YOU?

FATHER!



GET AWAY FROM HIM!



FATHER...



now...



CHUCK

NICE SHOT,
HAWKEYE.

HE'S
GOING TO
KILL ME.

PROBABLY,
BUT STILL.



YOU SEE
THAT, XAVIER?
THEY'RE TRYING TO
ASSASSINATE
US!!

THIS
IS WHO
YOU SIDE
WITH!



NOT US,
YOU!

IT'S JUST
YOU EVERYONE
IS SICK OF.



DAMN YOU,
SUMMERS!



WE'RE
DONE HERE,
SCOTT.

I BLAME MYSELF.
I PUT YOU ON THIS PATH.

WHEN YOU WAKE, HOPEFULLY YOU WON'T HAVE ANY--

I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT OF MY HEAD.

AAGGHH!

SCOTT SUMMERS, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR CRIMES AGAINST--

SHUT UP.

STAY DOWN, SCOTT.

I BEG YOU.

I DON'T.

I'M SORRY, EMMA.





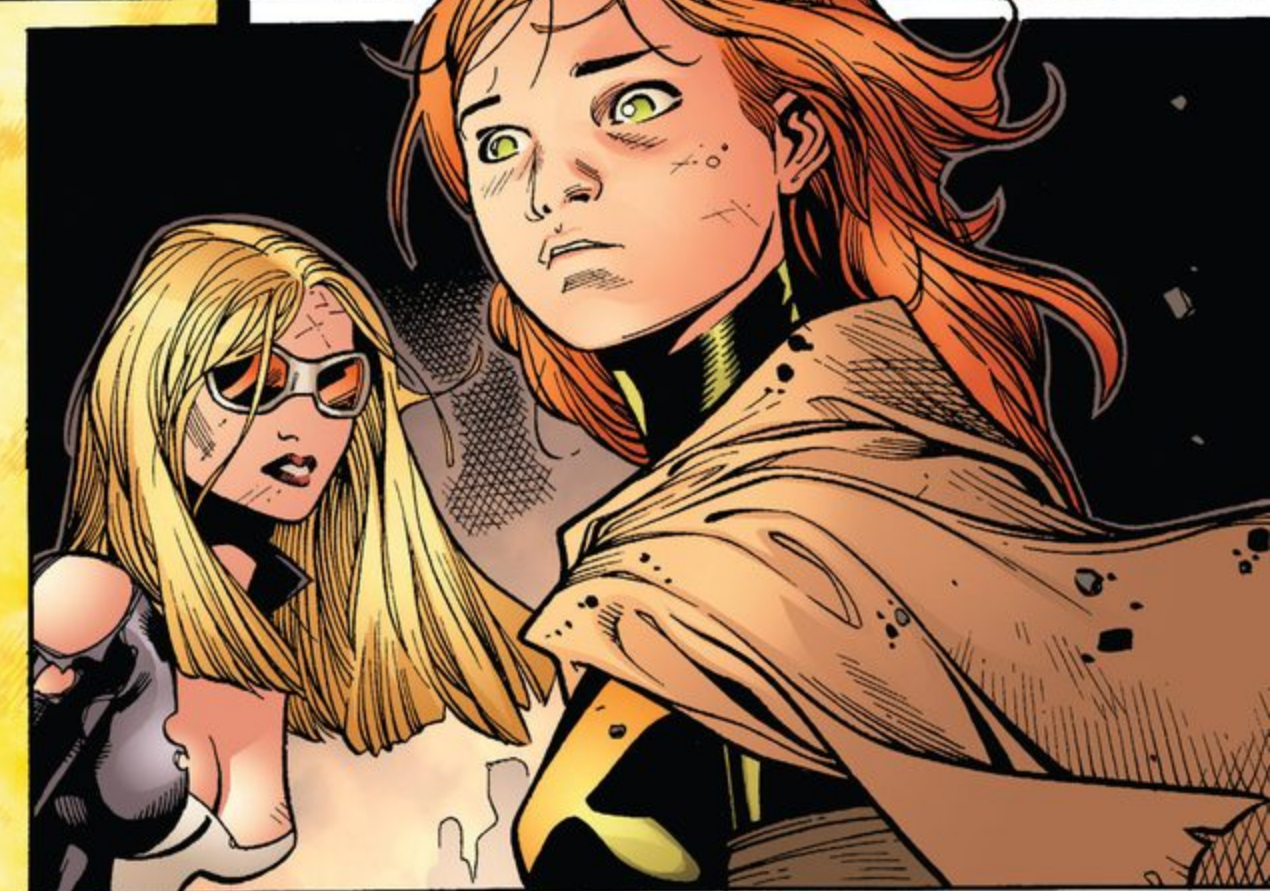
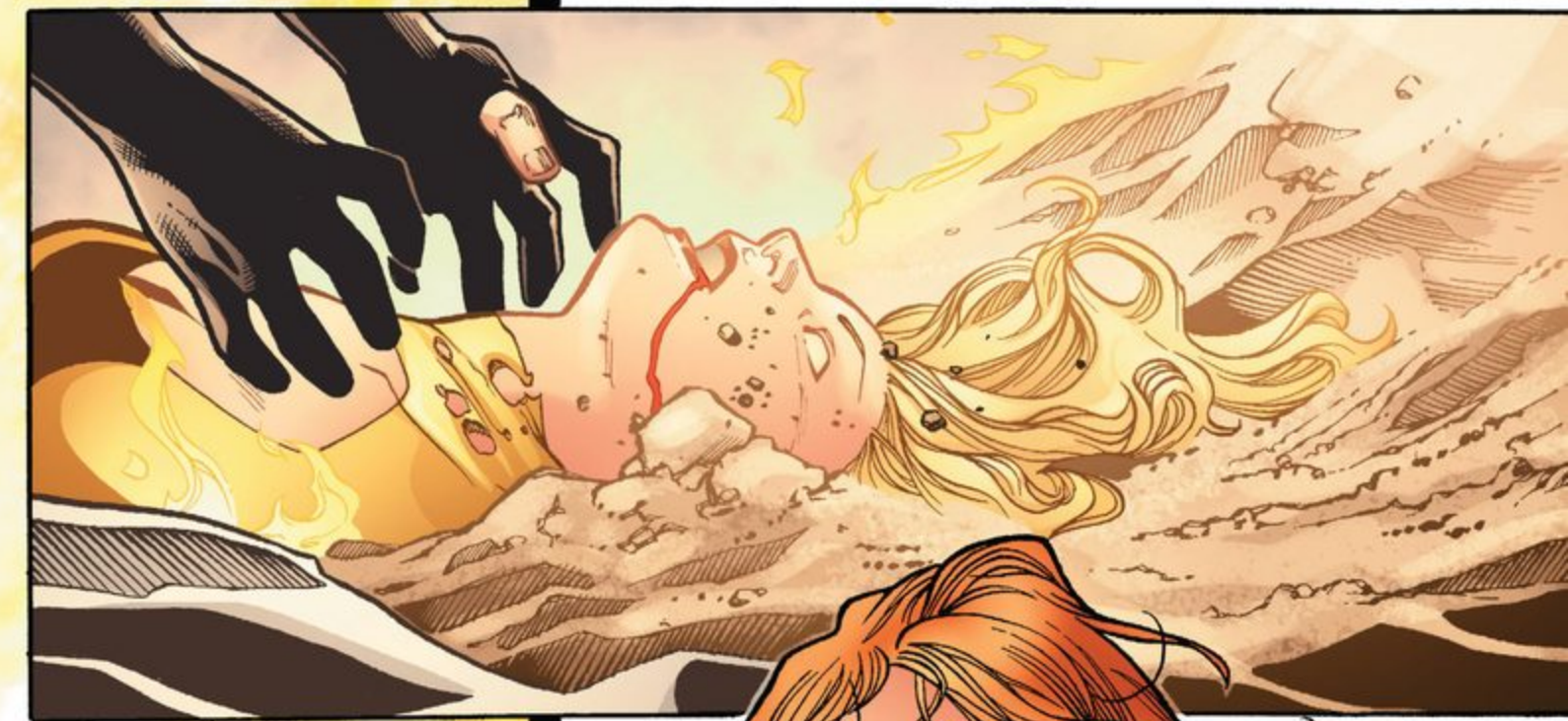
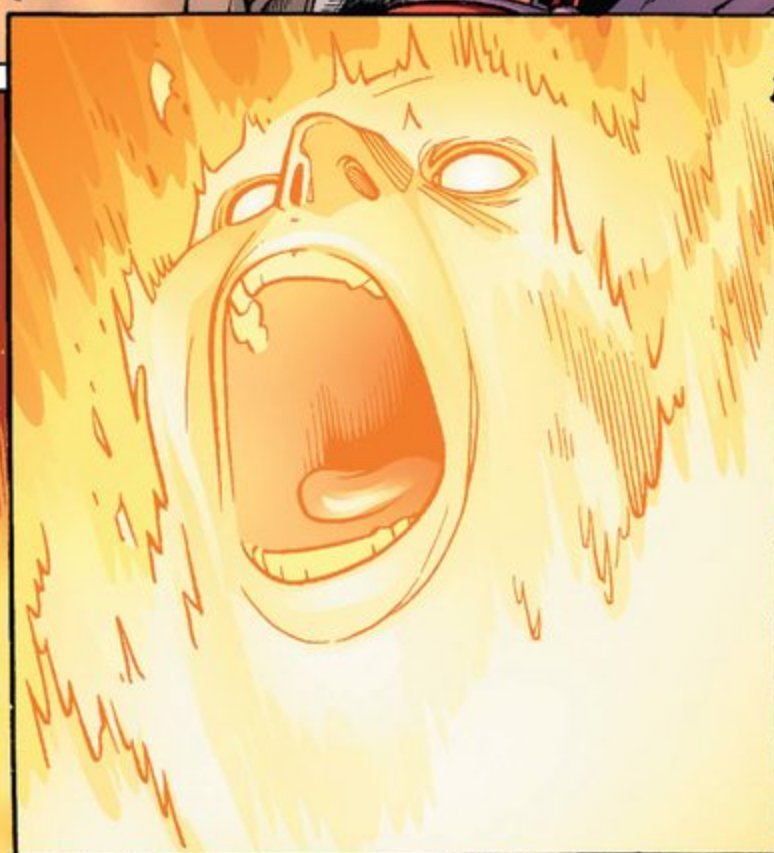
HE'S KILLING HER.

NO.

HE'S TAKING HER HALF OF THE POWER.



HE'S TAKING THE PHOENIX FORCE FOR HIMSELF.



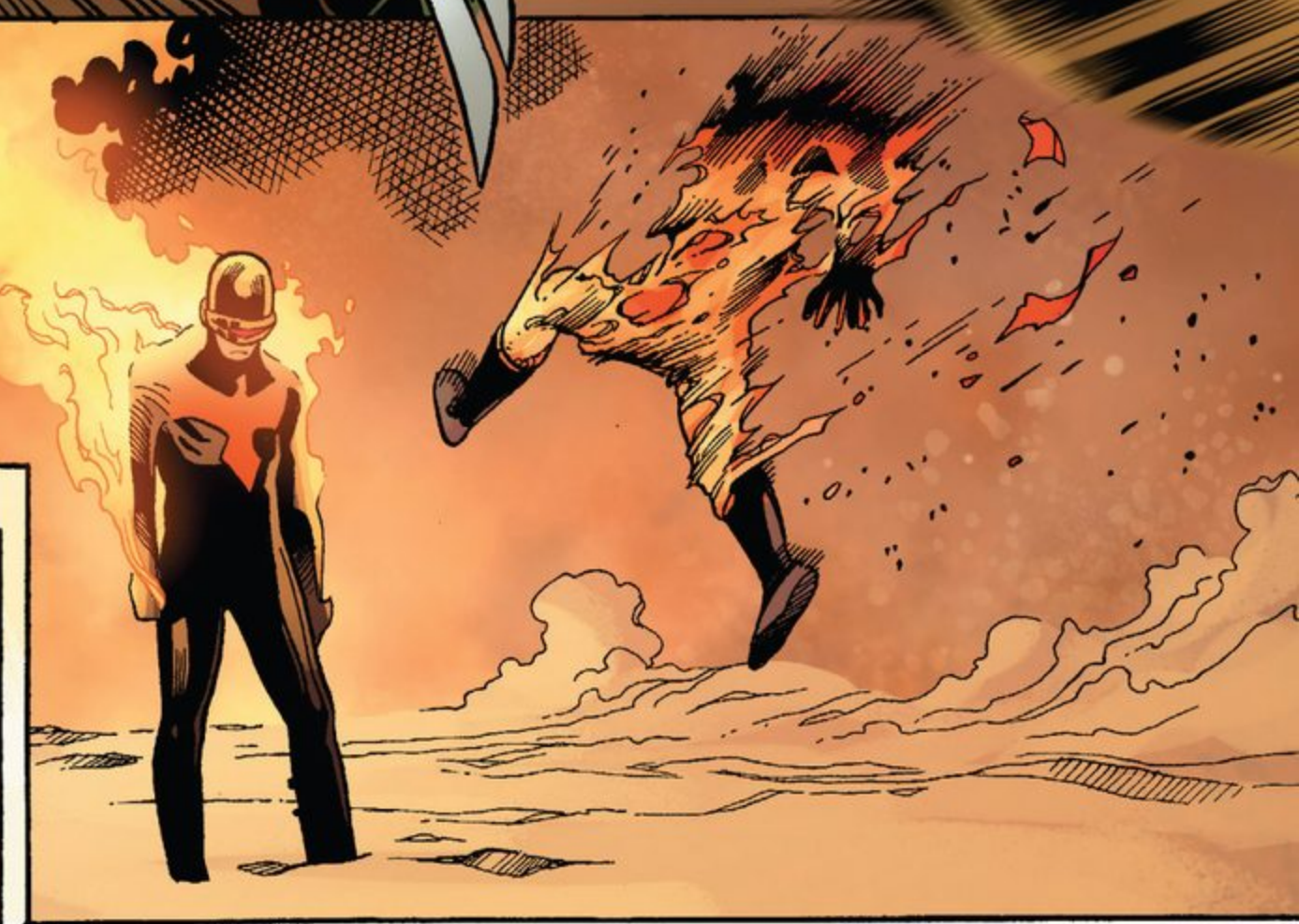
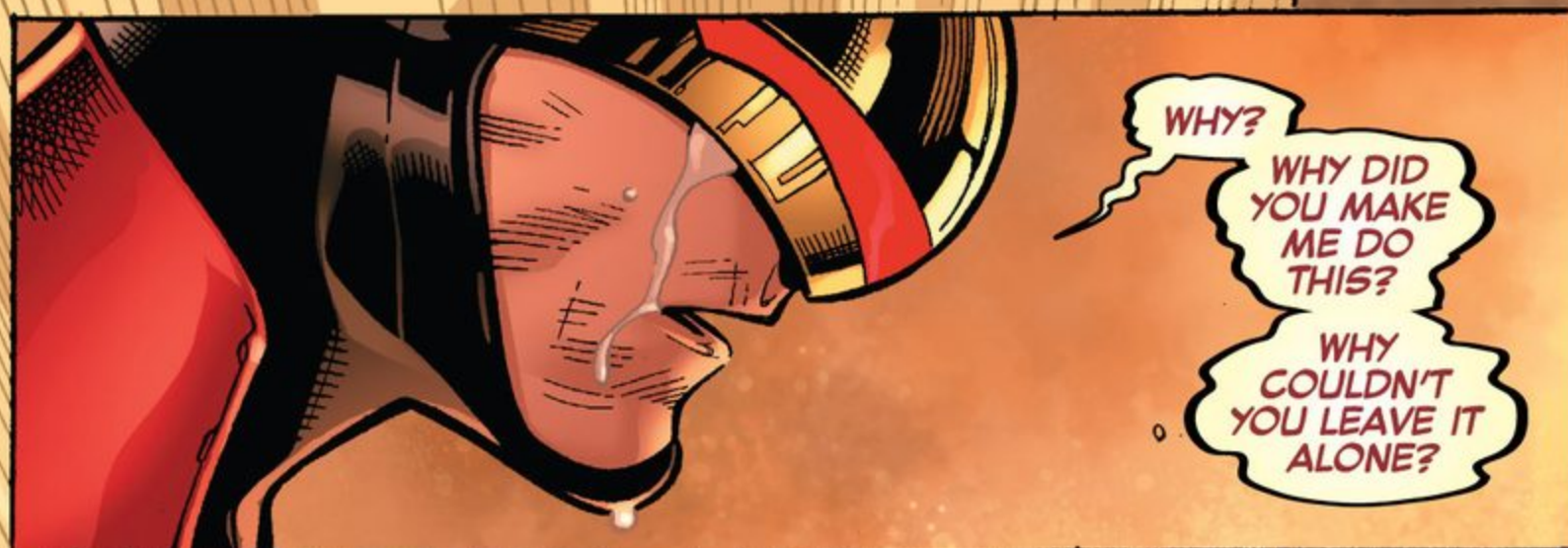
SCOTT...

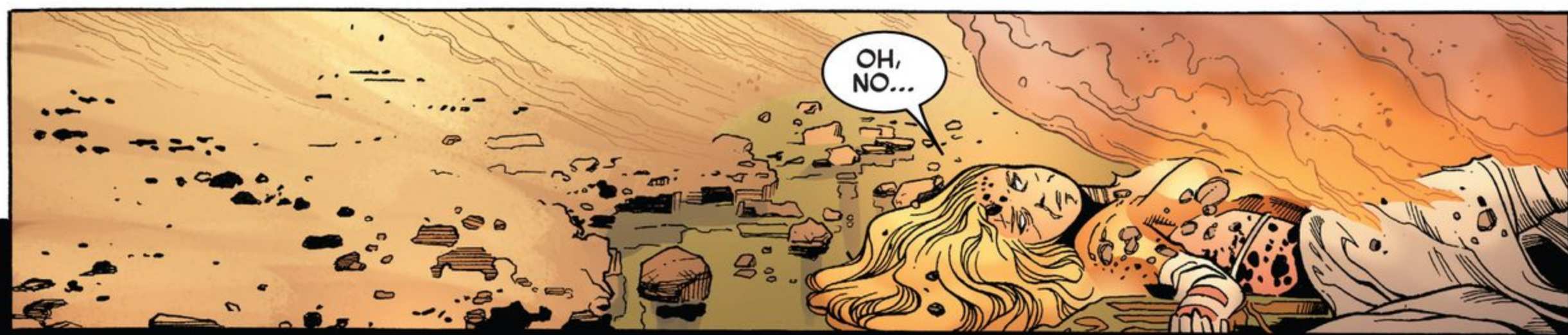
LOOK AROUND YOU.

I'M BEGGING YOU, SON, STOP THIS NOW.









I AM
FIRE AND LIFE
INCARNATE!
NOW AND
FOREVER--

I AM
PHOENIX

"HE'S DARK
PHOENIX!"

TO BE CONCLUDED...



COMING IN THREE WEEKS!
#12
US

